



City of Rockville

Proclamation

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the deadliest cancer and the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States. Over 42,000 people will be diagnosed in the United States in 2009, and over 35,000 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no early detection methods and minimal treatment options for pancreatic cancer and by the time symptoms generally present themselves, it is too late for a positive prognosis and the average survival after diagnosis with pancreatic disease is only 3-6 months; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer does not discriminate by age, gender or race and only 4% of patients will survive beyond 5 years; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Inc. (PanCAN), the only national advocacy organization for pancreatic cancer patients, exists to create awareness, patient support, professional education, and advocacy for pancreatic cancer research funding to ultimately find the cure for pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, PanCAN will promote pancreatic cancer awareness during the month of November in order to educate communities across the country about pancreatic cancer and the need for research funding, early detection methods, and effective treatments and prevention programs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Rockville designate the month of November 2009 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month," and call upon the people of Rockville to join their fellow citizens in the community and across the region to recognize and participate in this special observance.

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